

# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

September 2000



## Peanut Butter Week September 18th - 22nd

Mark your calendars! September 18th through 22nd is **Peanut Butter Week** in Prairie Village. This is your opportunity to lend support to **Harvesters** in their efforts to help the hungry in the greater Kansas City area (including Johnson and Wyandotte Counties) by donating jars of peanut butter at your church, synagogue, school, supermarket, or at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices - or you may also make a cash donation to help purchase peanut butter by completing and returning the donation form on this page. Harvesters Food Pantry will distribute the peanut butter to social and charitable agencies serving over 55,000 households.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a community service project. Please join in the 16th annual Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week campaign and help us make this year's Peanut Butter Week the best ever.



**HARVESTERS**  
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

*Please complete this form if you wish to make a monetary contribution for Harvesters to purchase peanut butter:*

**\*Make Check Payable to Harvesters**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Drop this form off with your contribution or mail to:*

City of Prairie Village  
Attn: Peanut Butter Week  
7700 Mission Road  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

## Brenizer Park Dedication October 1st



Come join in celebrating the opening of the City's newest park on **Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m.** Brenizer Park, named in honor of Ralph Brenizer, Prairie Village's first mayor who served from 1951 to 1955, was built and landscaped by Public Works crews earlier this year. All are welcome to help dedicate this new addition to the Prairie Village park system.

Brenizer Park is located at the intersection of Tomahawk Road and Prairie Lane, across from the Prairie Village Shopping Center.

# Mayor's Message



On August 21st I signed a resolution establishing September 18th through 22nd as **Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week**, urging all citizens to support Harvesters Community Food Network in its effort to provide food for our neighbors in need. Prairie Village residents can support this

worthwhile program by donating peanut butter at locations throughout Prairie Village during Peanut Butter Week, or by making monetary donations to Harvesters.

Although many of us in Prairie Village are fortunate enough to have our basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing met with little difficulty, there are others in our community who struggle with these issues on a daily basis. Prairie Village residents have a long history of demonstrating our caring and compassion for those in need through programs such as Peanut Butter Week, the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund, and the activities of the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation. Peanut Butter Week 2000 provides another opportunity for us to once again reach out to help our neighbors throughout the metro area.

During Peanut Butter Week, area schools, churches, synagogues, and grocery stores will set out barrels in which to place your donations. You may also bring your peanut butter to the Municipal Offices for collection. Last year nearly 5,000 pounds of peanut butter was collected throughout the City during Peanut Butter Week.

Let me encourage all of us to set aside a few of our grocery dollars to buy peanut butter, or donate the money which will be used to support the efforts of Harvesters. A donation form is included on the front page of this issue of the *Prairie Village Voice* for your convenience.

I urge all Prairie Village residents to participate in Peanut Butter Week this year.

Ronald L. Shaffer  
Mayor

## Prairie Village Adopts 2001 Budget

On August 2nd, the Prairie Village City Council adopted the City's 2001 Annual Budget. This \$17 million spending plan will continue to provide existing City services such as administrative operations, police protection, and infrastructure maintenance. The 2001 budget also includes funding to:

- Expand the City-sponsored street tree trimming program
- Install a "reverse 911" system to help the Police Department communicate important public safety information to residents
- Celebrate the City's 50th Anniversary
- Remodel the City Council Chambers/Municipal Court Room

Best of all, the mill rate for 2001 will decrease slightly, to 13.363 mills. This means that the owner of a \$150,000 home will pay \$230.51 in City property tax next year. This is about three percent less than in 2000.

For more information, a "2001 Budget in Brief" summary is available from the City Clerk's office by calling 913-381-6464, or you can download it at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

## Tree Care Seminar October 17th

Trees add value to our community in so many ways. Besides improving the appearance of our neighborhoods, they also shade our sidewalks, help cool our homes, and add color to the shortening autumn days. But we can't take our trees for granted. Like other living things, they require care and attention.

To help Prairie Village residents get the most from our trees, the **Prairie Village Tree Board** will conduct a Tree Seminar on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. A tree expert will speak on the care and maintenance of trees.

The Tree Board will also present certificates for Champion Trees located in the City.

For more information, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or e-mail at [bobpr@pvkansas.com](mailto:bobpr@pvkansas.com).



## The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents . . . Dean Mitchell

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the sketches of Dean Mitchell in the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery this month. His subject matter portrays issues including the meaning of life, death, family and spiritual connections we can all understand. His work will also speak to our inner person and add a new twist to the simple things of life.

Dean has been featured in publications such as *American Artist*, *Artist Magazine*, *Fine Art International* and *Southwest Art*. His work is on display in museums throughout the country including Kansas City's very own Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kemper Museum

of Contemporary Art. Other museums displaying Mitchell's work include the Mississippi Museum of Art and St. Louis Art Museum.

His paintings have received numerous awards, from organizations including the American Watercolor Society, the Salmagundi Club in New York, and for three consecutive years the Best in Show Award from the Mississippi Watercolor Society Grand National Exhibition. In 1998, Dean Mitchell also took home the Gold Medal from the American Watercolor Society.

Mr. Mitchell's work will be on display from **September 1st through 29th**. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. on Friday.



## Kansas City's 20th Century in Review Sponsored by Johnson County 50+



On **Thursday, September 21st at 2:00 p.m.** Dr. Bill Worley of UMKC's Kansas City Regional History Institute will transport you

back to the beginning of the 20th century in Kansas City. He will then lead you on a journey through time focusing on people and events that shaped the metropolitan region. Slides of historical interest will illustrate developments including the amazing changes in transportation and how Johnson County was transformed from farms into residential neighborhoods. There will also be time for questions and sharing personal experiences.

The fee for this program is \$8, and reservations are required. If you're interested in attending, please call the Johnson County 50+ Program at 913-236-4343.

## Code Corner

For many of us, September means the end of Summer. It also means that many boats, recreational vehicles, and campers will return to Prairie Village neighborhoods.

City ordinances require that recreational vehicles including boats, RVs, campers, and any type of trailer be stored in the side or rear yard on a hard surface. These items must be at least five feet from the property line and fifteen feet from the street. However, the ordinance does allow these items to be parked in driveways for 72 hours in any 14 day period to allow for cleaning, packing/unpacking, etc.

If you have questions about the City's regulations dealing with recreational vehicles, contact Allen Wiechert, the Code Enforcement Officer, at 913-385-4603.



## Get Ready for the "Party in the Park"

On **Saturday evening, October 7th at 7:00 p.m.** the **Prairie Village Arts Council** will sponsor "Party in the Park" in Prairie Village's own Harmon Park, 77th & Delmar. This event is sure to be lots of fun for everyone.

There will be food, dancing, and music provided by Michael McGraw. So mark your calendars now and make plans to attend!



# Safety Corner

## Back To School and Back To Safety

Yellow buses, backpacks and school uniforms mean the new school year is upon us. Children will be out and about on their way to and from school, and pedestrian traffic will increase around schools and residential areas. Pedestrians and drivers alike need to remember some basic rules to make the school year a happy and safe one for all involved. Listed below are some basic tips to help keep trips to and from school safe:

### Parents:

- Review the safest route to school with your children and physically walk the route with your child.

### Pedestrians:

- Walk in pairs and use the “buddy system”.
- Use the sidewalk at all times and avoid walking in the street.
- Obey all street signs and cross the streets at crosswalks where available. If a crosswalk is not available, be

sure to look both ways before entering into the street.

- Always wait for traffic to come to a complete stop. Don't assume a driver sees you.



### Drivers:

- Obey all speed limit signs at all times, especially in school zones where pedestrian traffic is heavy.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Give your attention to driving and not to other activities like cell phones, shaving, putting on cosmetics or reading the newspaper.
- Never assume a pedestrian sees you. Slow down when approaching a crosswalk and stop if someone is waiting to cross.

During the school year, morning “rush” hour is a busy time for pedestrians and drivers alike. It's important for everyone to get to their destination safely. By following these basic tips both pedestrians and drivers can make their trip to school or work safe and enjoyable.

For more information or questions contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613.

## Crossing Guards Needed

The Prairie Village Police Department is seeking two School Crossing Guards for the 2000-2001 school year at the following locations:

- 95th and Roe - Trailwood Elementary
- 83rd and Briar - Briarwood Elementary

The morning session is daily from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. The afternoon session is from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This position is for nine months and pays \$362 per month (August 17 through May 30). Uniforms and training are provided.

If you're interested in this part-time employment opportunity contact Sgt. John Womer or Jennifer Wright at 913-642-6868.

## Prairie Village Notes

### Everyone May Participate

If any individual requires an accommodation to participate in public meetings, contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 (TDD 1-800-766-3777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



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